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Top Stories

- The planned merger between T-Mobile US Inc. and Sprint Corp. is unlikely to be approved in its current structure, Justice Department antitrust enforcement staff told the two companies, according to people familiar with the matter. T-Mobile Chief Executive John Legere denied the report, calling it "simply untrue" in a tweet, but sources said Justice Department staff members raised concerns about the all-stock deal and whether it would be a threat to competition in a meeting earlier this month. (The Wall Street Journal)

- Silicon Valley donors have either given money to multiple 2020 Democratic presidential candidates or to no one at all, according to the first fundraising snapshot released earlier this week. Sen. Kamala Harris of California has

drawn support from at least eight executives from Facebook Inc., Apple Inc., Amazon.com Inc. and Alphabet Inc., while Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey, the candidate with the longest relationship in the Valley, has collected money from five executives from those companies and a string of other notable names, including former Google CEO Eric Schmidt and Salesforce.com Inc. CEO Marc Benioff. (Recode)

- Microsoft Corp. President Brad Smith said at a Stanford University conference that the company denied a request from an undisclosed California law enforcement agency to power its facial recognition technology in officers' cars and body cameras, saying the move would lead to women and minorities being disproportionately questioned because of AI bias. Smith also said the company declined to provide similar technology for the capital city of an unnamed country due to concerns that it would suppress freedom of assembly there. (Reuters)

Chart Review

Trump's 2020 plan: Target seniors on Facebook
Axios

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

04/17/2019

HardwareCon 2019	
LocoMoco Security Conference	
Cato Institute event on "The Twenty-Six Words That Created the Internet"	12:00 pm
NTIA BroadbandUSA webinar	2:00 pm

New America's discussion on how to innovate government	6:00 pm

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HardwareCon 2019	
LocoMoco Security Conference	
TechCrunch Sessions: Robotics + AI 2019	8:00 am
Engine's lunch panel focused on privacy laws in the U.S. and abroad	12:00 pm

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LocoMoco Security Conference

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The Brands That Define American Culture and Commerce

Morning Consult analyzed over 400,000 survey interviews to determine this year's rankings. See who made the list.

General

#MeToo Hit The Tech Industry First, But These Men Already Have New Jobs

Ryan Mac and Davey Alba, BuzzFeed News

Silicon Valley says it's committed to improving diversity, but high-profile male executives accused of sexual misconduct are getting second chances. Some advocates are wondering why.

Apple in talks with potential suppliers of sensors for self-driving cars
Stephen Nellis, Reuters

Apple Inc has held talks with at least four companies as possible suppliers for next-generation lidar sensors in self-driving cars, evaluating the companies' technology while also still working on its own lidar unit, three people familiar with the discussions said.

Microsoft Hikes Internal Carbon 'Tax' to Meet Sustainability Goals
Spencer Feingold, Cheddar

Microsoft is accelerating its sustainability initiatives in an effort to meet its goal of reducing operational carbon emissions by 75 percent in the next decade, the company announced this week. The tech giant said it was doubling its internal carbon fee to $15 per metric ton.

Apple will help rebuild Notre-Dame Cathedral after its massive fire, according to CEO Tim Cook
Dave Smith, Business Insider

The flames that enveloped Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris on Monday have been extinguished. Now, the rebuilding effort begins.

Head of Foxconn announces Taiwan presidential bid
Ralph Jennings, The Associated Press

Terry Gou, chairman of the world's largest contract assembler of consumer electronics, including Apple's iPhones, said Wednesday he intends to run for president of Taiwan, bringing his pro-business and China-friendly policies to what is expected to be a crowded field for next year's election.

Lawmakers, tech set for clash over AI
Emily Birnbaum, The Hill

Lawmakers in recent months have offered a slew of bills to oversee the use of

artificial intelligence (AI) amid worries about the potential discriminatory effects of the technology. Those efforts have been hailed by civil rights groups who say the government should provide more oversight of AI technology.

Stocks Edge Up as China Optimism Boosts Sentiment: Markets Wrap
Robert Brand, Bloomberg

Stocks mostly edged higher on Wednesday as improving prospects for the world's second-biggest economy helped lift investor sentiment as the earnings season rumbled on. Bond fell and the dollar nudged lower.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

POLITICO Pro Q&A: Sen. Josh Hawley
Cristiano Lima, Politico

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) as Missouri attorney general put the force of his office behind major investigations into Google and Facebook. He's brought that aggressive scrutiny with him to the Senate, offering fierce critiques of the tech sector and pointed questions for its leaders.

Bezos Disputes Amazon's Market Power. But His Merchants Feel the Pinch
Spencer Soper, Bloomberg

Fifteen years ago, Jason Boyce made a bet on Amazon that changed his life for the better. He started selling basketball hoops on the site-known mostly for books at the time-and his sales and profits took off.

Intel says it's exiting the 5G smartphone market, hours after Apple-Qualcomm settlement
Ari Levy, CNBC

Intel said on Tuesday that it's dropping out of the 5G smartphone market just hours after Qualcomm and Apple announced a six-year licensing agreement as part of a royalty settlement.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Net Neutrality Activists Seek GOP Commitments on Net Bill
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

With legislation to roll back net neutrality rule deregulation-the Save the Internet Act-having passed in the House last week, activists are looking to get enough Republicans on board to push it through that Republican-controlled body.

The U.S. Wants to Ban Huawei. But in Some Places, AT&T Relies On It.
Drew FitzGerald, The Wall Street Journal

U.S. officials have told telecommunications executives around the world to steer clear of Huawei Technologies Co., calling the company a national-security threat, but that hasn't prevented AT&T Inc. from using the Chinese company's equipment in Mexico.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Jack Dorsey says it's time to rethink the fundamental dynamics of Twitter
Anthony Ha, TechCrunch

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey took the stage today at the TED conference. But instead of giving the standard talk, he answered questions from TED's Chris Anderson and Whitney Pennington Rodgers.

15 Months Of Fresh Hell Inside Facebook
Nicholas Thompson and Fred Vogelstein, Wired

The streets of Davos, Switzerland, were iced over on the night of January 25, 2018, which added a slight element of danger to the prospect of trekking to the Hotel Seehof for George Soros' annual banquet. The aged financier has a tradition of hosting a dinner at the World Economic Forum, where he regales tycoons, ministers, and journalists with his thoughts about the state of the world.

Inside bikini-photo startup Six4Three's scrappy battle to put Facebook on trial

Olivia Solon and Cyrus Farivar, NBC News

Ted Kramer seemed on edge. While sitting at a Starbucks recently talking to a reporter, he kept looking over his shoulder mid-conversation, scanning people and cars passing by.

Twitter gets more proactive about combating abuse
Queenie Wong, CNET

Twitter, which has been under pressure to do more to combat harassment, said Tuesday that it's being more proactive about flagging tweets that violate its rules against hate speech, threats and other abusive content. The social media company said that it used to only review abusive tweets that users reported to the company.

TikTok Just Got Banned In India Over Fears It Is Exposing Children To Porn And Sexual Predators
Pranav Dixit, BuzzFeed News

TikTok, the popular, Chinese social networking app that lets users post videos of themselves set to music, has been banned in India, the company's largest market. On Tuesday night, both Google and Apple pulled TikTok from the Play Store and the App Store in the country following orders from an Indian High Court, which said that the app exposed Indians to pornography and could expose children to sexual predators.

The Most Measured Person in Tech Is Running the Most Chaotic Place on the Internet
Daisuke Wakabayashi, The New York Times

Even by the nightmarish standards of the empire she oversees, Susan Wojcicki, the chief executive officer of YouTube, has had a dreadful start to 2019. During a single week in February, BuzzFeed reported that her company was running advertisements alongside anti-vaccine content; there was a nationwide panic over the platform abetting child suicide; and a viral video showed how pedophiles were flourishing on the site.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Silicon Valley-Funded Privacy Think Tanks Fight in D.C. to Unravel

State-level Consumer Privacy Protections
Lee Fang, The Intercept

After years of ignoring the issue, lawmakers on Capitol Hill are suddenly engaged in a furious fight over enacting national legislation to establish basic online privacy rights for consumers. As with the crafting of much legislation dealing with complicated issues, legislators are relying on experts to help codify the consumer protections.

The FBI Wanted a Backdoor to The iPhone. Tim Cook Said No
Leander Kahney, Wired

In 2016, Tim Cook fought the law-and won. Late in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 16, 2016, Cook and several lieutenants gathered in the "junior boardroom" on the executive floor at One Infinite Loop, Apple's old headquarters.

Judge Lifts Stay on the Pentagon's JEDI Cloud Contract
Jack Corrigan, Nextgov

A senior federal claims court judge on Monday lifted the stay on the Pentagon's Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure acquisition process, bringing the department one step closer to awarding the $10 billion cloud computing contract.

Lyft Moves to Restrict Employee Access to Customer Data
Matt Drange, The Information

When employees at Lyft log into their computer to look up information about a Lyft customer or driver nowadays, a warning message flashes on their screen with a reminder that their actions are logged and could be audited.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Privacy Is Too Big to Understand
Charlie Warzel, The New York Times

There's a passage from a recent book by the journalist David Wallace-Wells about writing on the sprawling topic of climate change. There is "no single rhetorical approach likely to work on a given audience and none too dangerous

to try.

These Women Are Only On Facebook For The Groups
Anne Helen Petersen, BuzzFeed News

My Facebook group isn't private, but it isn't easy to find either. Its title doesn't include my name. At various points in my journalistic history, when I've written something that's attracted the attention of trolls, my group has remained immune.

Why I'm not quitting Facebook yet
Heather Kelly, CNN

Facebook and I go way back. I've been covering the company's privacy, security and culture scandals since soon after it started having them.

Research Reports

Improving Cybersecurity Awareness in Underserved Populations
Ahmad Sultan, UC Berkeley Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity

"Improving Cybersecurity Awareness in Underserved Populations" highlights how 'underserved' residents in San Francisco-including low-income residents, seniors, and foreign language speakers-face higher-than-average risks of being victims of cyber attacks.

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